

# REPORT

**DATE:** April 5, 2007  
**TO:** Regional Council  
**FROM:** Leeor Alpern, Government Affairs Analyst, (213) 236-1883, alpern@scag.ca.gov  
**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for Gary Moon Highway Designation

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that SCAG take a support position on SCR – 16.

**BACKGROUND:**

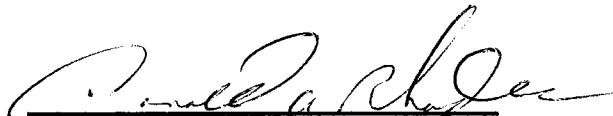
The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) has requested that SCAG submit a letter of support for SCR – 16, legislation authored by Senator Negrete-McLeod that will designate a portion of State Highway Route 30 at Interstate 215 in honor of Gary Moon. Immediately prior to his 13-year tenure with SANBAG, Mr. Moon served with distinction as a member of SCAG's staff from 1980-1989.

The legislation and draft letter of support are enclosed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact on SCAG from SCR – 16.

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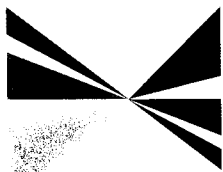
  
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Senator Negrete-McLeod  
2059 State Capital Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SCR 16 – GARY MOON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION:  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Negrete-McLeod:

The Southern California Association of Governments supports SCR 16, that would designate a portion of State Highway Route 30 at Interstate 215, the Gary Moon Memorial Highway. Immediately prior to his 13-year tenure with the San Bernardino Associated Governments, Mr. Moon served with distinction as a member of the staff at the Southern California Association of Governments from 1980 – 1989.

In appreciation of his many years of public service, we urge the adoption of SCR 16 and establish this lasting memorial to Gary Moon.

Sincerely,

Yvonne B. Burke  
President  
Supervisor, County of Los Angeles

Cc: San Bernardino Associated Governments

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**Introduced by Senators Negrete McLeod and Dutton**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Emmerson)

February 20, 2007

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to the Gary Moon Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 16, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Gary Moon Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 30 at Interstate 215, the Gary Moon Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, Gary Moon served with utmost distinction as the  
2     Director of Freeway Construction for San Bernardino Associated  
3     Governments (SANBAG) between October 1990 and March 2003;  
4     and  
5     WHEREAS, Mr. Moon earned the respect of the public, elected  
6     officials and colleagues for his problem solving abilities,  
7     willingness to listen and to take action, sensible and creative  
8     approaches to design and construction challenges, fair and kind  
9     treatment of staff and coworkers, quick wit and dry sense of humor;  
10    and  
11    WHEREAS, During his tenure with the transportation planning  
12    agency, Mr. Moon was responsible for the construction of State  
13    Highway Route 210 in Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana,

1 as well as improvements to Interstate Highway Route 10 and State  
2 Highway Routes 60 and 71; and

3 WHEREAS, Also during his tenure, he was instrumental in  
4 leading project development for the widening of Interstate 215,  
5 improvements to congested freeway interchanges, the widening  
6 and extension of major streets and the separation of rail crossings  
7 from surface streets throughout the San Bernardino Valley; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Moon held a bachelor's degree from Claremont  
9 Men's College and both master's and doctorate degrees from  
10 Claremont Graduate School, was a former Navy Lieutenant, was  
11 a political science instructor at California State University, San  
12 Bernardino, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and worked  
13 as a principal planner for the Southern California Association of  
14 Governments; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement in March 2003, Mr. Moon  
16 maintained his involvement with SANBAG as a part-time  
17 consultant and began an intensive fitness regimen with running  
18 and cessation of smoking, continued the management of the  
19 Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center in Claremont, and spent quality  
20 time with his wife, Kathy, and children, Nicholas and Amanda;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Too soon after his retirement, Mr. Moon was  
23 diagnosed with cancer and died after a short battle with the disease  
24 at the age of 59 in October 2005; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Moon's longstanding service and commitment  
26 to transportation in the Inland Empire makes it truly appropriate  
27 for a portion of State Highway Route 210 to be named in his honor;  
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the  
31 contributions of Gary Moon to the people of the State of California  
32 and designates A portion of State Highway Route 30 at Interstate  
33 215 as the Gary Moon Memorial Highway; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested  
35 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
36 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
37 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations  
38 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and  
39 be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3     author for appropriate distribution.

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